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The Frostbite Film Festival took place over the weekend. Check out how some filmmakers’ Saturday unfolded, A6

THIS WEEK

CAMPUS

Haiti Relief

The University has organized a way for those interested to contribute money via the Northwest Web site according to Media Relations Specialist Mark Hornickel.

According to Hornickel, the Web site has provided a link on its home page where money can be donated, the link directs those individuals to an American Red Cross Web site where money can be submitted by a credit card.

For more information, please contact Amy Nally, director of Volunteer, Service Learning & Civic Engagement, at 660.562.1954.

BLT Conference

The first Bearcat Leadership Training Conference will be held Sat., Jan. 20 in the J.W. Jones Student Union.

Check-in will be from 8:15 a.m. to 9 a.m., and the conference will begin at 9 a.m. and last until 5 p.m.

The conference will feature keynote speakers, leadership workshops and will be free to the public according to Leadership Graduate Assistant Beyza Aydar. Pre-registration must be completed with the Campus Activities Office by 5 p.m., Monday.

COMMUNITY

Health Fair

A Health and Fitness Fair will be held from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, at the Maryville Community Health Center.

The fair will help promote information and services for individuals, as well as screenings co-sponsored by St. Francis Hospital and Health Services and Maryville Parks and Recreation.

BEARCATS

- Friday**
-Indoor Track & Field at the Nebraska-Wesleyan Open in Lincoln, Neb.
- Sunday**
-Women’s Basketball vs. Emporia St. in Emporia, Kan., 1:30 p.m.
-Men’s Basketball vs. Emporia St. in Emporia, Kan., 3:30 p.m.
- Wednesday**
-Women’s Basketball vs. Washburn in Topeka, Kan., 5:30 p.m.
-Men’s Basketball vs. Washburn in Topeka, Kan., 7:30 p.m.

SPOOFHOUNDS

- Thursday**
-Wrestling vs. Maysville and West Platte at Maryville High School, 6 p.m. (Senior Night)
- Friday**
-Boys Basketball vs. Chillicothe in Chillicothe, 5 p.m.
- Saturday**
-Wrestling in MEC Tournament at Maryville High School, 10 a.m.
- Monday**
-Girls Basketball vs. Auburn (Neb.) at Maryville High School, 5 p.m.
- Tuesday**
-Boys Basketball vs. St. Joseph Lafayette at Maryville High School, 5 p.m.
-Wrestling vs. St. Joseph Benton and St. Pius X in St. Joseph, 6 p.m.

VILLA TO ‘VILLE | NICARAGUAN STUDENTS ON CAMPUS



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ANDREA TAPPMEYER, RIGHT, and Yasser Talavera Silwany, far left, stand with a group of Nicaraguan students. The students will be here for two weeks to learn and experience American culture.

Cross-cultural experience to build English, leadership, motivational skills

By Brian Johnson
Features Editor

On Friday, when eight Nicaraguan students stepped off a plane onto the cold American soil, the first thing they noticed was being able to see their breath in the cold for the first time.

“That was I think the first thing; that they knew they were in a very different place,” said Andrea Tappmeyer.

This trip was the beginning of a dream come

true for Tappmeyer. The Maryville native, who is currently working for the Peace Corps, had wanted students from Villa Sandina, Nicaragua to be able to have a taste of life and education in the United States. She said she saw a desire in these students while teaching there.

“I knew they were really interested in America,” Tappmeyer said, talking about the students she taught. “So I started talking to the University to try to put

together this camp to be able to bring them over and have this cross-cultural experience.”

According to a press release, the “Villa 2 ‘Ville Initiative,” has these eight selected students taking classes at Northwest for two weeks in order to “build English, leadership and motivational skills.” After the two weeks, the students will return to their home country. As part of the



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NICARAGUAN STUDENTS AND their host families look through the warm clothes that were donated to them for their stay in Maryville.

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CATS ON CAMPUS

Feral cat program feeds cats year round

By Philip Gruenwald
Chief Reporter

Regular cat sightings around campus have raised concern from students and faculty. The recent snowstorm even brought some students to reach out to the frigid felines, unaware of the feral cat program already set in place.

“I was walking into Dieterich Hall one day and I saw a young lady feeding this little kitten by the front door,” Christine Chinberg, freshman said. “She seemed very caring, and it actually put a smile on my face to see that someone was looking out for the little animals that we have on campus.”



photo courtesy lauren zeliff

NORTHWEST CAMPUS IS home to over twenty adoptable cats. There are eight different spots around campus that house the animals which include water and food.

University Police Officer Kristina Martinez is not entirely pleased to hear such stories.

“That’s going to attract skunks, raccoons and foxes at night. It’s nice that they want to help, but if you

want to help it’s always nice if someone donates money,” Martinez said.

Martinez has been with the University Police for five years and is the only Certified Animal Officer on staff. She is also the longest active board member of New Nodaway Humane Society and sponsor of the Northwest Advocates for Animal Awareness. In addition to being a full-time law enforcer, Martinez runs the feral cat program which regularly feeds and shelters 30 cats.

“We have seven shelters along the trail (North of Millikan) where we feed the cats every day,” Marti-

See **FERAL CATS** on **A5**

FUNDRAISER FOR HAITI

Student turns to University for help in Haiti’s time of need

By Trey Williams
Asst. News Editor

Last week, the world turned its attention to the first catastrophic disaster of the decade.

The earthquake that hit Port-au-Prince, Haiti, is recorded as the most powerful to hit Haiti in over 100 years. According to CNN.com, the 7.0 magnitude earthquake killed a reported 70,000 people so far.

The world has come together to lend a helping hand, sending military support and aid. Celebrities such as Wyclef Jean are also

trying to help in any way they can with organizations like Wyclef’s Yele Haiti.

There are others who can do nothing but sit back, wait and pray that friends, family and a nation in need will survive.

For junior defensive back, Caleb Decius, prayers continue.

Decius, a broadcasting major from West Palm Beach, Florida, is a Haitian-American.

It’s important to Decius that people know he is Haitian first, American second.

“I love my country. That’s how I was raised,”

Decius said. “I call myself Haitian-American because I was raised Haitian first and I was brought up in America, that’s just how I am.”

For the Haitian-raised junior, the news concerning the earthquake first came to him via Facebook. From there came online articles, CNN and phone calls to family members.

“At first I couldn’t believe it,” Decius said. “I immediately began to think about my family and trying to figure out where everybody was at.”

That’s when the prayers began. Decius’ family re-

sides in Port-au-Prince where the earthquake struck. He says the difficult part is not knowing where everyone is or whether they are still alive.

To Decius, the main hope is that his nation can eventually get back on its feet.

Ame Lambert, Director of Minority Affairs at the Intercultural and International Center, is the person Decius went to when he wanted to help.

“He really does have a big heart,” Lambert said. “It

See **HAITI** on **A5**

BIRCHES FIRE

Renters learn tough lesson in fire

By Austin Buckner
News Editor

DVD players, video games, an Xbox 360 console and a television were just a small part of a list of electronic devices stolen from the apartment of Danielle Pace and Zach Smith.

Fire ripped through The Birches apartment complex around 1 a.m. January 9, causing for the immediate evacuation of tenants and closure of the complex itself. Pace, co-renter of Birches apartment number one, said she was turned away after wanting to retrieve items from her apartment, but was assured the complex would be secured.

“They wouldn’t let anybody even close to going inside,” Pace said. “They told me that the whole building would be secured and nothing would be taken.”

Pace was shocked when she was allowed back into her apartment, only to find that a large number electronic devices and accessories had been stolen.

“There was a 32 inch flat screen plasma TV,” Pace said, listing the items stolen. “There was Blu-Ray player, a couple DVD players, an Xbox 360, a Nintendo Wii, a surround sound system, probably around 60 movies and around 15 Xbox and Wii games that were stolen.”

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MLK DAY

Students celebrate King through learning, service

By Cassie Thomas
Chief Reporter

As images of violence from the fight for equality in America flash on the television screen in the Union living room, a diverse mixture of students work together to prepare bags of toiletries for people in need in Maryville and the surrounding communities.

Stephen Dawson, a fifth year senior and psychology major, has been involved with the Martin Luther King, Jr., day of service for the past four years.

"I really do have a passion for this – I like to see the result, I like to see the smiles on people's faces and I'm not looking to get anything out of it," Dawson said.

Dawson also draws inspiration to volunteer from King.

"I think the ideals and workings of Martin Luther King, Jr., are definitely major cornerstones of volunteers we have now," Dawson said.

The day of service consisted of packaging toiletries for local shelters, followed by time for group discussions and

presentations on social justice issues present in the world today. The topics included the racial education gap, poverty, religion, radicalism, ethnicity and security and sustainability. Volunteers from the Greek community were also sent to Head Start and the Child and Family Center for the day.

Students divided up into four groups and discussed the topic of their choosing. After their group discussion, they gave a short presentation for the other groups.

Director of Intercultural Affairs, Ame Lambert, has

been involved with the day of service since coming to the campus in 2006. Lambert hopes that students are able to learn from this day as well as offer community service.

Lambert and Northwest's coordinator of volunteer programs and service learning, Amy Nally, have worked together to bring balance between learning and service to this day.

"We wanted to make sure that they were learning about world issues, so the last several years we really switched it around to talk about critical

issues as well as do service," Lambert said.

"I'd like to still be able to help the community out in any service they need and to involve more community agencies. I'd also like to see it grow where students would come in throughout the middle and high schools to learn about the history piece of MLK day and his vision on service," Nally said.

Since its beginning in 2002, this event has grown to impact not only the community, but to impact the thinking of students so that they may make

an impact in their futures. Lambert hopes that through the discussion and learning the students may grow in their critical thinking skills.

"The answers are going to come from this generation, so I think it's my responsibility to call them, or challenge them, to become critical thinkers, because they are the ones who are going to be in positions of power," Lambert said.

Nally estimates that approximately 200 bags of toiletries were prepared by roughly 50 students in the early portion of the day.

WATER MAIN BREAK



photo by seth cook | editor in chief

ARAMARK EMPLOYEE KEVIN Batton attempts to stop overflowing water on Monday, from reaching the hallway in the Everett W. Brown Education Hall. The overflowing was caused by a water main break on campus that left the campus without water. Water was returned and in full working order by Monday afternoon.

WAR VETERAN LECTURE

Retired general looks to fight poverty in Latin America

By Austin Buckner
News Editor

During his time serving for the United States Military, General Bernard Loeffke made history as the first American to perform a parachute jump with the Chinese. Now, he hopes Northwest students can help him make history again; this time, in the fight against poverty and disease in Latin America.

"If every class at Northwest sponsors one child, the University will be the one that has sponsored the most children," Loeffke said. "We will make news all over the world."

After 36 years of active duty, Loeffke retired in 1992 and has spent the past two decades creat-

ing and participating in humanitarian service projects.

Most recently, Loeffke has harnessed the power of International relationships through the not-for-profit organization Helping Others Today. Started by Loeffke and his children, HOT supports a multitude of humanitarian service projects in various parts of the world.

One of the projects HOT supports is the Wards 8 Hall of the Americans. This project provides moral, medical and monetary support to the underprivileged countries of Latin America. It is a joint effort between the U.S. and the People's Republic of China.

Loeffke said the relationship between the U.S.

and China is one of high importance.

"There is no more important relationship in the world than the relationship between the U.S. and China," Loeffke said. "Fifteen years from now, China will be equal to the United States in military power."

Loeffke said harnessing the combined forces of the U.S. and China will be an opportunity for the countries to come together for a greater good.

"We've been doing a lot of competing with China," Loeffke said. "This is one method where we can come together by sponsoring poor children in these countries."

Loeffke said it is the countless donations that keep programs like the

Wards 8 Hall of the Americans alive. The focus of his Wednesday night lecture was to motivate Northwest students to help in a worthy cause.

"My focus is 'What can the students do to contribute to the peace and stability of the world,'" Loeffke said. "Each class can sponsor one child. It's thirty dollars a month to sponsor a child. If a class of thirty sponsors one child, everyone can pitch in one dollar. With that, you give a starving child one meal a day. You give them clothing. You give them books. You get them to a school. And with that same amount of money, you're teaching the mother skills so she can get the family out of poverty."

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Meeting Room A.

For questions and more
information call Leslie Bowman
x1633

Collision claims woman's life

The incident occurred when a black 1999 Ford Escort, driven by Terry Hicks, 46, of Maryville, was traveling north in the left lane. The Escort met a red 1996 Ford Windstar when traveling in the wrong lane and the two cars collided head-on. There were three pas-

Hicks is currently

Maryville Public Safety Police and Fire-Rescue, Nodaway Co. Sheriff's Department, Missouri Highway Patrol, and Nodaway Co. Ambulance all responded and were at the scene of the wreck.

Chamber looks for change in upcoming year

"There wasn't really a problem," Executive Director Luke Reven said. "It's more like we saw an opportunity to better rep-

While the policy is one of the chambers' main goals for 2010, look for them to make other adjustments to their wardrobe to make Maryville a better place

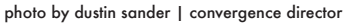
The Chamber is also planning to look into alternative funding in order to make improvements to Main Street. These improvements might include adding sidewalks and expanding the street so that traffic becomes less of a problem.

Maryville sees blue as Royals come to town

"I think it's great," Rose Funerburk said. "I think Maryville needs something like this because there are a lot of [people] up here that can't afford to go see the

"When the kids are coming through, I remember having baseballs that I had locked

"Last year I got a chance to get to know (Joakim) Soria and Billy Butler," Royals Hall of Fame outfielder Willie Wilson said, "and this year I get to know Alex and Willie Bloomquist. For me, it's a chance to get to meet the young guys and meet the nucleus of the young Royals. It's a pleasure for me."



ROYALS PLAYERS WILLIE Bloomquist and Alex Gordon and Royals Hall of Famer Willie Wilson sign autographs Monday afternoon at Hy-Vee during the Royals Caravan.

This leg of the Royals Caravan started Sunday in Cameron, Mo. and finished

the evening in Lincoln, Neb. Prior to stopping in Maryville, the players visited Gordon's

hometown, Omaha, Neb., and concluded the trip in St. Joseph, Mo.

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OUR VIEW

Students need insurance in case of theft, disaster

When students are getting ready to start the fall trimester, most wonder where they will live. Is it important that the apartment or house is cheap, or is it important that it is in a desirable location? Who will they live with, or will they live alone? Utilities, whether the property is fairly new, who the landlord is and the list could go on and on. Unfortunately, what many students fail to think about is protecting themselves *after* they have moved in to an

apartment or house.

When students think of post-moving protection, the main things that come to mind include repairs, actually paying the rent on time and getting back the deposit. However, these aren't the most troublesome things on a renter's mind.

While residents in Maryville don't have to worry too much about flooding, earthquakes or volcanoes erupting any time soon, we do have to worry about theft and other disasters.

Last Friday's fire at The Birches and the looting that followed is as good of time as any for a rude yet necessary wake-up call.

An insurance policy for renters will normally cover many of the things that *do* happen frequently to students, people in general really, when renting a place. If a person renting is properly insured, property should be covered under these events: electrical surge damage, ice and snow weight, hail and wind, smoke damage, light-

ning, fire, a riot, vandalism and theft as well. And it isn't just the belongings inside the house or apartment; depending on your policy, if your car is parked in your driveway, it is possible that belongings stolen from your vehicle could be protected as well.

While many students will argue their property isn't really all that valuable, there are many things that a person would want protected or recovered beyond just a television, laptop,

stereo or microwave.

Think about this: if a person comes home to discover that their apartment has caught on fire, either their possessions are gone or severely damaged. The food is gone. The clothes are gone. Basic essentials such as toothpaste and soap are gone. A person comes home to realize that they have no place to go. Especially for students that have limited savings, this is a real threat to a person's financial security.

For people without insurance, the community will normally pull through, as we've seen in The Birches fire. People will help other people by donations of money or items. However, the Red Cross will normally bear the brunt of the burden.

At the end of the day, it is a person's responsibility to cover it themselves if one is able. Getting renter's insurance helps everybody, not just the victims of fire or theft.

WHAT THE DEUCE

As Sarah Palin makes her rounds in interviews, tabloid covers and book sales, the American people must be wondering if the former governor of Alaska has something up her sleeve for the 2012 presidential elections, or is just selling her political career for fame and fortune. While it is possible that Palin is trying to get in-touch with her demographic (the Republican woman of America that deals with everyday issues and "chooses life"), making a political name another household item could also backfire and do irreparable harm to her reputation, if she really even had a positive political reputation to begin with. Either way, she's getting paid a pretty good sum for her efforts.

CARTOON



MY VIEW

Lasting peace should be sought in Sri Lanka

As the time for the presidential elections in Sri Lanka draws near, many people are wondering what the political fate of the ethnic Tamil minority will be.

Last May marked the end of a civil war that lasted 25 years, a war that resulted in the death or displacement of many civilians. The conflict was between the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE or the Tamil Tigers) and the Sinhalese majority.

The Tamil Tigers, although known by Western powers as terrorists, have been one among many in the history of Sri Lanka to fight for political equality and freedom of the Tamil minority, which had been deprived after independence by strong Sinhalese nationalistic sentiments.

During the colonial period, many thought the British occupants had treated the Tamil minority far better. After independence was declared in 1948, the Sinhalese took away much from the Tamils as an attempt to balance out the political playing field. Sri Lanka not only had the ingredients for civil discontent,



Kathleen Wilmes
Opinion Editor

but it had been rapidly boiling since independence. Twenty-five years of bloodshed and failed cease-fires later, and we are left to wonder what the upcoming presidential election will mean to Sri Lanka. Will unity actually occur in a country that has so recently known an end to war?

Just because blood is not being shed does not necessarily mean there aren't points of conflict present. To prevent the damages of dispute escalation, be that in terms of life itself, liberty or economic progress, the political needs of all groups within an area need to be dealt with to the greatest degree possible, not just swept under the rug and ignored until a particular conflict comes to a head and another bout of violence occurs. This does not apply just to Sri Lanka, but to every country experiencing situations similar to this- the struggle of a group for political freedom or justice and the struggle of a state for order.

When it comes to the contending forces of freedom and order, one is not more important

than the other; both should be prized in political organizations. However, they are lost if the ones we label as terrorists and the officers of the state cannot compromise. Both will be violently stripped away in the process of destructive cause fulfillment.

At the end of the day, the common people are the ones who suffer the greatest by both forces butting heads regardless if the causes of the few and the causes of the whole are just. Your common man, whether in the United States or abroad, is the one that will always foot the bills of war. The common man in Sri Lanka is the one who suffers the greatest at the hands of civil conflict.

This past year, Sri Lanka has witnessed a semblance of peace to a civil slaughter that has been in the making since foreign meddling and has waged for decades. The candidates of the presidential election should use this chance not to just seduce the people for votes, but to seduce the people of Sri Lanka for much needed peace and stability. However, this is an end result that remains in the hands of not just the politicians of the state or a group fighting for freedom at any cost, but the entire population of Sri Lanka.

MY VIEW

Disaster fatigue has turned into disaster fail

A well-coiffed correspondent speaks in hushed tones of a girl trapped in rubble. He implores his viewers to listen closely so they can hear her cries. She is calling for her father. Behind him,



Adam Joseph Drici
Contributing Columnist

Haitian men dig barehanded through the debris. Without proper tools their progress is slow, if noticeable at all. The expensive digital video camera captures the scene. The correspondent narrates, pausing occasionally—dramatically—to allow the girl's whimpering to come to the fore, to let her pain speak for itself.

It sounds like something out of Kafka.

It's CNN's coverage from last Thursday of the earthquake in Haiti.

The above scene is about as accurate a recreation as you can get without watching the video. And you don't want to watch the video.

The most disturbing aspect is not the girl's plight—like it or not, we've become desensitized enough that we tacitly accept episodes like hers in the aftermath of natural disasters. What is disturbing is that a man with a \$200 haircut can travel to the poorest country in the Western hemisphere and hold a microphone while providing color commentary on a life or death situation playing out not five feet away.

That a certain amount of "disaster fatigue," a waning of compassion in the face of repeated horrors, will follow

events like the one in Haiti last week is understandable. We can only shock ourselves with scenes of devastation so much. But turning human suffering into a real life episode of *Survivor* isn't the answer.

Anderson Cooper, who was already on the ground in Haiti while aftershocks were still ringing in the Haitians' ears, said on *Larry King Live*, "There's just stupid death happening here now. It doesn't have to happen, and it's really upsetting to see."

It's really upsetting to see able-bodied men stand aside while more stupid death is on the verge of happening. Our desire for up-to-the-minute reporting from disaster zones has turned into a sick brand of voyeurism. The natural impulse is to help someone in distress, but when we deny that urge to get the good shot, we dehumanize those victims. "Disaster fatigue" turns into "disaster FAIL" when the coverage we watch portrays the affected as anything other than the same as us.

Stop watching. Start helping.

I don't know if they succeeded in extricating her from the wreckage; I had to turn my television off before the segment ended. But I hope so for that correspondent's sake. I know I wouldn't be able to sleep if the rescue I was reporting on live turned into an obituary while my hands were still clean.

CAMPUSTALK

Do you think Sarah Palin is selling out for fame?



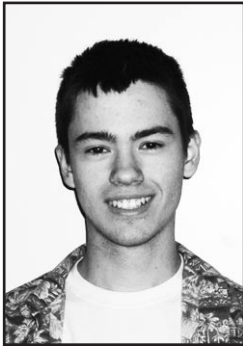
"Yes, Sarah Palin has realized how much the media loves her and is milking it for everything she can. But as they say, any media is good media; as long as her name is in the news, she's doing well."

Heather McCarthy
Biology/Psychology



"I believe that Sarah Palin just loves attention. She's already famous."

Jayde Moran
Biomedical Engineering



"I believe she is selling out for fame simply because of all the new deals that Palin is striking with TV stations, such as Fox. She seems to be doing a lot more commercial deals than she used to do."

Ryan Williams
Political Science



"Yes, Sarah is selling out for fame, she cannot handle the competition or media and is turning to books and Internet to gain attention and money."

Melinda Schneider
Dietetics, Pre-Pharmacy



"Yes I do. I think Sarah Palin cares more about her fame than politics. It's Ridiculous!"

Jillian Buen
Science

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HAITI: Campus fundraiser for next week split into collections, bake sale, raffle

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really hits close to home because this is his heritage.” Lambert and Decius, with the help of Students Taking Action Through Service, set up a fundraiser scheduled to start next week to help raise money to send to Haiti.

The fundraiser will be split into three stages. First, there will be a box for a collection of set items that people can contribute. The second stage of the fundraiser will include a bake sale. For the last stage, STATS and the other multicultural organizations are going to be hosting a raffle.

“I think if this had happened somewhere else in the Caribbean that he would have been just as passionate,” Lambert said. “He really is concerned about giving back and helping out when he can.”

More than just helping out in the spur of the moment, the two wanted to do something that will make a difference long term. It is important to Decius that his native country continues to receive the aid they need in the following years.

“We wanted to think long term,” Lambert said. “After CNN has found something else to talk about, the people of Haiti will still be recovering.”

Lambert plans to get together with other organizations and sponsor orphans. She said they will do educational sponsorship for books and uniforms that will cost \$25 and \$40 for their standard cost of living.

Decius does not want to be given any credit for helping put together the fundraiser and getting people to help. He just wants people help in any way they can.

“He’s solid,” Lambert said. “That’s the word that comes to mind when I think of Caleb.”

VILLE: International connections create learning opportunities for students

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perience, the students will also be living with host families.

Max Ruhl, dean of the College of Education and Human Services helped Tappmeyer with putting the program together. He has known Tappmeyer for over 20 years and said that he remembers being very proud of her when she joined the Peace Corps. He said that Maryville and Villa Sandina have very similar qualities.

“In some ways, it’s not such a different community,” Ruhl said. “It’s a 4,000 plus

community ... and yet it’s a place that doesn’t have grocery stores and doesn’t have the amenities that we look for.”

Ruhl said that the Peace Corps is all about sharing opportunities and that Tappmeyer came back excited and wanting to show the students American culture and education. He stresses the importance of Northwest students having a diverse experience, and for American students to have experiences with international students.

A similar project was done last year with a group

of ten from Panama. Three of those students are still here studying at the Missouri Academy. Ruhl points to this as proof of the opportunities that can be created in creating international connections.

“We built this as a cultural exchange and a language immersion,” Ruhl said. “They don’t have extensive English language skills right now, but you can see them already beginning to build them.”

When the group arrived on Friday, Ruhl, as well as others, were there to welcome the students to their home for

the next two weeks. Ruhl said that he has been doing projects like this for a while and he always knows he’s going to meet wonderful people.

“They’re just the nicest kids you ever want to meet,” Ruhl said with a smile.

To combat the new cold that the students were feeling as soon as they got off the plane, coats were handed out to each of them provided by a community coat collection put on by Denise Jasinski and Amy Nally.

“They came from ninety degree weather,” Ruhl said. “Thankfully we were at thir-

ty-something. A week before we were at 2 or 5 degrees.”

The cold is just one of the things that Tappmeyer knows that the students will learn about and never forget on their quick journey here. She said she could not be happier with how her dream is unfolding.

“I’m ecstatic right now. We’ve been working on it for so long and it’s been a very stressful process,” “It’s going far and beyond what I expected ... and I’m very proud of the students and how they’ve been handling it as well.”

SAFETY: Renter’s insurance replaces belongings that are damaged, stolen

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Pace said all of the doors were locked and everything was secured when she arrived, but suspects that doors had been unlocked sometime between the fire and her arrival to move items from her apartment.

“It was about one o’clock,” Pace said. “The doors were all locked. Everything was secured. There were no forced entries so we had no clue until we got inside and saw things were missing. It kind of makes me think the doors were left unlocked at some point. It had to have been.”

Maryville Public Safety director Keith Wood said when the fire department

had got the fire under control and their work was completed, he was sure all that could be secured had been secured.

“I separate the fire into two categories,” Wood said. “It was an 8-plex. There were four units on the north end that were severely affected, and the four units on the south end were not affected hardly at all. Those four (on the south end) were all secured.”

Nodaway County Sheriff Darren White said the investigation is still ongoing and with little information, the case is difficult.

“We don’t really have a lot of leads,” White said. “I would say that if there’s anything that could be helpful, or if anyone saw anybody kind of hanging

around or moving around the apartments, they should let us know.

White said the fire department wrapped up their work around 4:30 a.m. and believes tenants were allowed back into their apartments sometime in the afternoon. White reminded that any information that could help the case would be appreciated, as there is about an eight hour period to be accounted for.

Pace said while she believes she could not have prevented the robbery, she regrets not having her belongings covered by renter’s insurance.

“I would encourage people to get renter’s insurance,” Pace said. “Because I didn’t have that; I’m not covered on any of my

belongings that were stolen.”

While there are many different policies for renters, Chris Oelze, office manager at Gary McClain Insurance, said he recommends purchasing a plan with personal property replacement coverage.

“I always recommend the optional coverage called personal property replacement coverage,” Oelze said. “Why that’s important is most insurance policies for actual cash value. Let’s say you have a two-year-old television. If something happens to it, you get whatever that television is worth. If you have personal property coverage, it will replace your television with a similar television.”

Oelze said those looking

to save money can find a number of package deals.

“I know in most companies, and ours is the same way, your car insurance can save you money on your renter’s insurance and your renter’s insurance can save you money on your car insurance,” Oelze said. “It gives you additional discounts for package deals.”

Oelze said all in all, the small price one will pay for renter’s insurance is worth it if something unexpected occurs.

“Some students don’t realize it’s not really that expensive on a yearly basis,” Oelze said. “If you have an expensive television, stereos, computers or anything like that, renter’s insurance is really something you should have.”

FERAL: Cashiering Office accepting donations to help needy cats on campus

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nez said. “Even when students are on vacation, people come up here to feed them.”

The NWAAA was conceived as a partnership with the NNHS and as a way of inhibiting the population rate of feral cats. Martinez, though, understands that the program isn’t ideal.

“Ideally, these animals should all be in peoples’ homes and be taken care of by individuals and be protected by them,” said Martinez, who is currently housing five cats and several dogs.

The overall cat management at NWAAA extends

beyond feeding and sheltering. Martinez and her husband, Francisco, formed the group in 2007. Since then, they have spayed or neutered 90 cats at an average of \$50 per cat. Martinez believes that the population of feral cats has since plateaued or dropped.

“We don’t want to suddenly get a bunch of cats dumped on us,” Martinez said. “But we also don’t want people not to know about it and think that the animals aren’t getting taken care of. We’re all compassionate, educated people so we’re not going to ignore them.”

This anonymity can be attributed to previous nega-

tive feedback from the community. The NWAAA has been blamed for the attraction of skunks, foxes and raccoons as well as for wreaking havoc on the campus’ natural wildlife equilibrium.

“We feed in the morning, so the food is gone by night time when the night prowlers come out,” Martinez explains. “And I’ve never seen a rabbit carcass since I’ve been here, although a certain clover popular among rabbits has been eliminated from the University through herbicides.”

A feral cat is a domesticated pet that someone has released or gotten rid of. Despite claims that college

students are responsible for this negligence, Martinez believes students are more educated than that.

However, abandoning your pet is against the law. Martinez and the NWAAA stresses the importance of spaying and neutering your pet, in addition to properly identifying them.

“If your pet is missing, no matter how long, owners should notify the police and the animal shelter as soon as possible.”

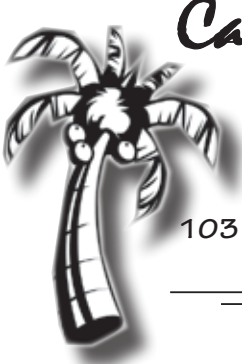
Biology Professor Lisa Stobbe has been known to voice her concern about the issue. She, like many students and staff, are conscious of the population of cats but unedu-

cated about NWAAA.

“Imbalance is the biggest problem. And sometimes humans are the ones who tend to create imbalance,” Stobbe said. “It might develop into a problem if we’re not aware of it.”

Awareness is the next step for Martinez and NWAAA. They have fundraising plans for the future and are currently accepting donations at the Cashiering Office in the Administration building.

“Nobody wants to care about them until it’s a cute little kitty and it’s sick,” Martinez said. “Well, let’s prevent that. Let’s care before it gets to that, before it gets to the suffering.”



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FROSTBITE FILM FESTIVAL



OUT IN THE COLD

Filmmakers race against clock, teams across nation to create best short films

By **Matthew Leimkuehler**
Chief Reporter

It's 7:59:59 a.m. on Sunday, where is your Frostbite Film entry? Film students from all across the country unite under the cold and frosty conditions to battle for the best three-minute or shorter film they could possibly make in 24 hours or less.

One would think this is quite the daunting task, given how much actually goes into making a short film. The day is generally broken down into three major aspects: planning, filming and editing. Here is a rough outline of how the day unfolded.

8-10 a.m., Saturday: Students are given the five aspects that must be included in their film. A sandwich, a power tool, a prank phone call, something breaking and a freeze frame shot.

Frostbite Film Festival organizer Dave Morgan used procrastination as his main motivation for choosing the five items.

"I kind of picked those out the night before the contest. I just sat around and picked out some random stuff," Morgan said.

As soon as these five items reaches contestant's ears, pre-production drives the first two hours of the contest.

10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday: The contestants are unleashed upon the town as film production begins.

Will Murphy, International Film Club Advisor, watched the chaos successfully unfold throughout the day.

"You can tell the drive of the students doing this," Murphy said. "We had to force them to come in for lunch even though they were all cold and wet and covered in snow, one of them had been hurling himself off the second story roof of a building all morning. They're all real driven to do it."

As the sun began to set on Maryville, the filmmakers wrapped up their shooting and began to retreat to Wells Hall, the location many chose to edit and finalize their films.

5 p.m., Saturday-7:59:59 a.m., Sunday:

Night has fallen and the editing stage has begun. For some, this is a time to relax and reflect on the day's work, for others the work is just beginning.

"We actually had three or four editing spaces available, that way they can still edit individually as groups, but in the same building they can have the camaraderie and still goof around," Murphy said. "We had a couple people watching TV, and just general goofiness going on while people edited, helps keep the energy up."

The group "Hudson 3's", which consisted of Northwest students Bruce DuVall, Caleb Cole and Ryan Smith, found themselves battling the most time consuming task of the day into the wee hours of the

morning.

"We got done at 7:15 a.m.," DuVall said.

The group found themselves taking the whole day to make the best film they felt possible.

"It was the full 24 hours," Cole added.

The "Hudson 3's" is a group unlike any other of the 22 groups that came from all across the country, as close as the Missouri Academy to as far away as the state of Pennsylvania.

"We started off with an inexperienced team, we didn't have hopes of really competing with the other teams. Seriously, I put together an inexperienced team because I wanted everyone to get experience with making movies and stuff," DuVall said. "It came together so well in the end that I think we have a chance competing with the other teams. It came together ridiculously well."

The group showed confidence in the piece of work they produced over the span of the day.

"I plan on taking the crown again, after we take it this year," Smith said.

With this confidence comes the reality of what the judges actually look for when determining the winner of the contest.

"It ends up being something along the lines of a mixture between overall quality of the project and ingenuity that is apparent, how they tell the story and work in the different variables," Justin Ross, filmmaker and current judge, said.

Ross, a 2003 graduate, finds pride in the expansion of the festival, which doubled its competing groups in just its second annual running of the event.

"I couldn't be more happy that Northwest has become so much of a filmmaking school," Ross said. "They're supporting filmmaking in such a wonderful way, every year it gets better and better and better."

Ross lends a helping hand out to any groups that look to compete in the future at Frostbite or Sunburn, the fall film festival.

"Ultimately what it comes down to is a good story. That's what's going to stick with the judges," Ross said. "Tell an entertaining story. If you have a good story everything else will come from that."

Murphy becomes ecstatic when conjuring the thoughts of how far the festival has come and where it is going.

"I look to see the contest grow again, I think next time we are going to push even harder," Murphy said. "We are looking for cooperate sponsorship next time. Eventually we'd like to have 100 groups competing, I think it'd be a great experience."

As for the "Hudson 3's", the future is bursting with confidence and excitement for the festival coming this fall.

"Bring on Sunburn," Smith said.

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From Left: NORTHWEST STUDENTS SEAN Callahan and Mac McClure work on their video for the Frostbite Film Festival on Saturday. STUDENT BRUCE DUVALL is focusing hard for the shot of "Hudson 3's" production of "Sandwich To Go" for the Frostbite Film Festival. CODY NICHOLS, COURTNEY Hill and Phillip Meyer from Team Vinci and Will Murphy work on the short film "The Calling".

COLUMN

The Lord's chosen ones can handle the rock

I may have witnessed one of the holiest of sights over Martin Luther King Jr. weekend.

If you think Maryville is in the middle of nowhere then you need to take a trip to St. Meinrad, Ind.

Over the three day break I was shipped out to Delta Chi's "A"s' Academy. The convention brings together the fraternity's presidents from all across the country and even Canada for leadership training.

The convention takes place on the 2,900 acres of land owned by the St. Meinrad Benedictine monastery.

The campus is beautiful and quaint compared to the hectic, technology filled lives we live.

Northwest Missouri State and Delta Chi alumni Rev. Anthony Vincent helped secure the spot for the international convention.

Vincent explained the day in the life of a monk as early

mornings, prayer and taking time to appreciate the things others so often look right past.

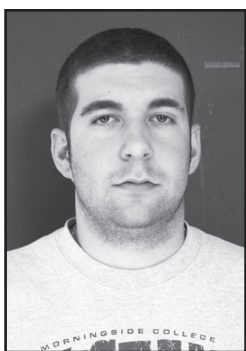
He left out one detail of a monk's covenant with God though; basketball.

Without Internet access and not too many channels on few TVs across the campus, the monks need something to do to keep entertained.

So they take a stroll to the gym where the basketball court brings back déjà vu of Gene Hackman and "Hoosiers".

Saturday night the 130 presidents took a break from leadership training to watch our Delta Chi "All-Star" team take on the monks.

The Delta Chi team con-



Brian Bosiljevac
Univ. Sports Editor

sisted of previous High School State champs and intra-mural diehards.

The monks came walking in decked out in knee braces and sweatbands. The fraternity members not playing, including myself, packed the gym to support our brothers. We liked our chances against

the middle-aged holy men. We should have known better.

The score went back and forth the entire game, as we started to realize these monks got game.

For a second we forgot all about Air Jordan and found Air Reverend.

Towards the end of the second half the monks were up by one when a Delta Chi player

through up a prayer, literally, and his prayer was answered. The buzzer beater put the fraternity men up by one as time expired.

We rushed the court to congratulate our brothers, but the monks said wait a minute we don't play two halves here. They play three periods. It must have biblical meaning behind it.

There are three persons in God; the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Jesus arose from the dead on the third day and they play three periods in basketball.

With only a couple minutes remaining in the game the monks quit toying with our friends and finished them off with a dominating finish, winning 92-77.

I picked up a lot of tips from my fraternity brothers at "A"s' Academy. I learned some good fundraising ideas, how to motivate members and they also taught me to never mess with God's messengers.

What do you think of the Chiefs hiring Charlie Wise and Romeo Crennel?



"I support whatever decisions they make as long as they get better in the future."

Logan McAllister
Business Management



"I don't really care because the Chiefs are horrible. I hate football."

Tanya Clemens
Pre-Dentistry

STROLLER

Your Man is feeling cheated

Campus Dining, it's time we had a little talk. Now that I'm not allowed to blow most of my Aladine money on exorbitantly-priced pizza and Chicken Kickers, I've been forced to blow most of it on exorbitantly-priced crap from your convenience store at the Station (I go to the Union too, but how many times a week can a guy eat Quizno's?).

Let me give you an example. If I purchase my typical weekly grocery list, including cereal, frozen waffles, chunky beef and vegetable soup, hot dogs, saltines, beef jerky and Ritz crackers from the Station, I'd spend \$38.03. Seems reasonable, right?

Well, close your eyes, Campus Dining, and let me tell you about a magical place just a couple of miles down the road, where children sing, and prices drop like GPAs after a new Call of Duty game comes out. It's called Wal-Mart, and it sells all the same crap you do, plus a lot more, at consistently about half the price.

If I buy exactly the same items from my aforementioned grocery list at Wal-Mart, I would pay \$16.28. That's about 43 percent of what you charge.

Even gas stations have you beat. I don't get a lot of fiber in my diet, so I often rely on "Bomb" burritos to keep things moving. You charge \$6.49 for them. At HyVee Gas, they're \$2.89.

Sure, you're more convenient than those other places. If I decide I want some Doritos at 2:30 in the morning, I can throw on my bathrobe and trudge over to the Station in a matter of seconds.

Still, a markup of more than 100 percent. The only way you could be convenient enough to justify that would be to set up one of those pneumatic tube delivery systems they use in office buildings, and shoot AA batteries and shampoo to my room the minute I text you requesting them.

But who cares? We're all just burning



The Stroller

through Mommy and Daddy's money, right? Actually, I'm using my own money, and when I leave here thousands of dollars in debt, I want it to be because I spent it on an education, and not because I paid outrageous prices for string cheese and chewing gum.

Campus Dining, if you're going to screw the students here, at least take us to dinner first. I'll offer a word of advice, though. Take us somewhere off-campus.

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"I think that, on the surface, it seems like a good idea (especially considering their experience). But we'll really just have to see how this all works out."

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"I think that the Chiefs have lost too long and too many times. If them being hired brings us a win, I will dance a tango."

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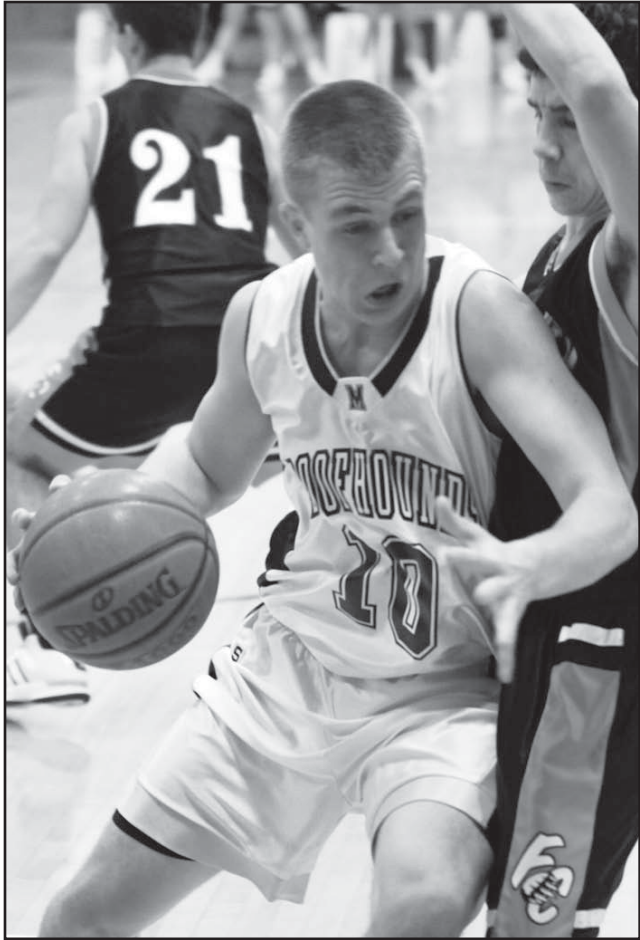


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JUNIOR GUARD TYLER Peve drives past a Falls City defender on his way to the hoop Friday. Peve put up a team high 13 points in the 'Hounds' 44-40 victory.

Win streak halted, rough stretch awaits

By Brian Bosiljevac
University Sports Editor

The Spoofhound boys' basketball team's quest for perfection got cut short.

Mid Buchanan put an end to the 'Hound's 10-game winning streak with 57-35 victory Tuesday night.

The Dragon's Hunter White led the way, scoring 23 points. His efforts were helped by Brett Pierce's 12 point performance.

The Mid Buchanan defense seemed too much for the 'Hounds.

The Maryville big men, seniors Keenan Joiner and Adam Thomson, led the way putting up 10 points apiece.

Mid Buchanan entered the game at No. 9 in Class 2. The 'Hounds entered the road game sitting at No. 2 in Class 3.

The loss came on the heels of the 'Hounds most meaningful win of the season.

Saturday night Maryville came back from a double-digit deficit at halftime to take its tenth straight game.

The 'Hounds 44-40 victory was only the second loss of the season for visiting Falls City.

Junior Tyler Peve spurred the comeback by scoring 12 of his 13 points in the fourth quarter.

His 13 points were matched only by Joiner who played a key role in the 'Hounds' upset.

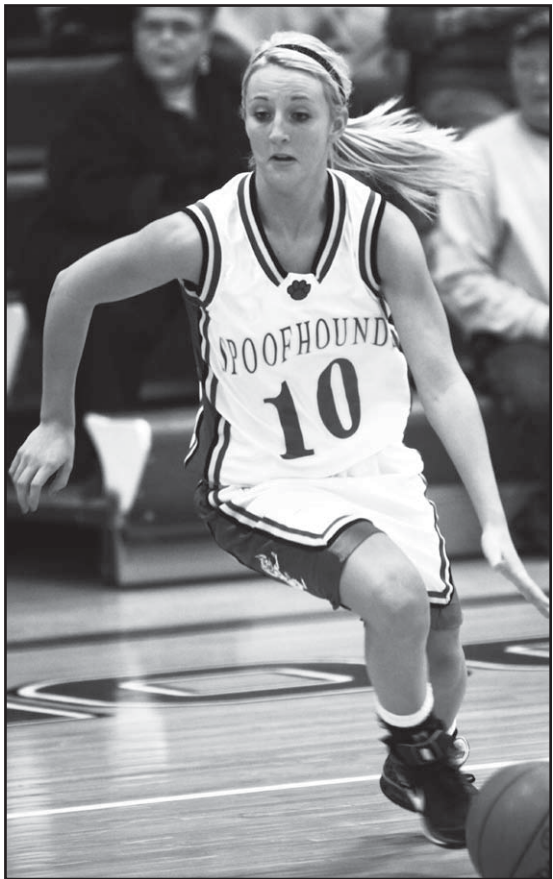
After the thrilling victory over Falls City and the first loss of the season to Mid Buchanan, the 'Hound's roller coaster of emotions will have to be put on hold.

Maryville travels to Chillicothe to take on the Hornets at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Chillicothe (3-8) is coming off its third win of the season.

The Hornets scored a 59-40 victory over Trenton on Tuesday.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL



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JUNIOR GUARD MATAYA Wooten drives to the basket against Mid Buchanan on Jan. 12. The Spoofhounds defeated Falls City (Neb.) 55-32 last Friday. Three girls scored in double figures for Maryville. The 'Hounds take on Auburn (Neb.) at 5 p.m. Monday at home.

WRESTLING

Spoofhounds aim for top in upcoming conference tournament

By Tony Botts
Comm. Sports Editor

A season ago, the Maryville Spoofhounds fell short of capturing a conference championship and watched while St. Joseph Benton brought home the MEC Conference Title.

The 'Hounds return six wrestlers who finished on the podium during last year's event. However, with three weight classes open, head

coach Joe Drake said he is unsure whether the team can overcome that glaring obstacle on their way to this year's title.

Two of the returning medal winners, seniors Danen Merrill, 130 lbs., and Bryce Alexander, 160 lbs., are not only seeking to repeat as individual tournament champions, but they are also seeking to capture a team title.

"We're the smallest school

in the conference so that's always hard," Merrill said, "But last year we finished second so it's possible for us to get there. We all have to wrestle good that day."

Going into this weekend's tournament, Drake said the 'Hounds are at a disadvantage because of cancellations that didn't allow them to see a majority of this weekend's opponents.

"One, because we had the

cancellation of a match earlier, two weeks ago because of bad weather. We have not seen many of the schools in the conference ahead of time," Drake said. "Two weeks ago we would have seen Cameron, Savannah and Lafayette and that would have given us a little better idea going into the tournament on how we might fare."

One opponent the 'Hounds have had an oppor-

tunity to see frequently is Smithville who, according to Drake, will prove to be a tough opponent during this year's tournament.

Each wrestler will be called upon to compete in a round robin tournament, grappling with each wrestler at their respective weight class across the conference.

Alexander said the team has been taking advantage of their practice time to not

only improve their technique and execution on the mat, but they have also raised the bar on conditioning, which will play a pivotal role during the all-day tournament.

This year's tournament is being hosted by the 'Hounds. It is only the second year that the conference has held a single day tournament.

Wrestling begins at 10 a.m. Saturday at Maryville High School.

NORTHWEST

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

DeShaun Cooper



Freshman point guard DeShaun Cooper scored a career-high 23 points in the Bearcats' 92-83 overtime loss to Southwest Baptist on Saturday. Cooper also dished out a team-high five assists in the contest. He recorded six steals in Northwest's loss.

Abby Henry



Sophomore point guard Abby Henry scored 25 points in Northwest's 79-74 win over Southwest Baptist on Saturday. Henry also recorded seven rebounds, four assists and three steals. She was named MIAA athlete of the week for her efforts against the Bearcats and Central Missouri.

Shannon McClellan



Junior guard Shannon McClellan led the Spoofhounds with 12 points on four three pointers in Maryville's 55-32 blowout win over Falls City (Neb.) last Friday. The 'Hounds hit eight three-pointers in the game before the starters were pulled during the fourth quarter.

Maryville Basketball

Maryville



Basketball

The Spoofhounds stayed perfect on the season, reaching 10-0 following a 44-40 come from behind win over Falls City (Neb.) on Friday night. The 'Hounds trailed 21-12 at halftime, but rallied in the second half for the win. They fell to Mid Buchanan Tuesday night 57-35, finally halting their winning streak.

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MENS' BASKETBALL

Bearcats put up fight, fall short in OT

By Tony Botts
Comm. Sports Editor

In a game that featured large double digit leads and slim margins, 40 minutes was not enough time to decide the outcome.

Southwest Baptist (14-4, 5-3 MIAA) came into Bearcat Arena after dropping their last two outings to Fort Hays St. and Nebraska-Omaha.

Northwest (8-7, 3-5 MIAA) was coming off of a road stomping from eighth ranked Central Missouri and hoping to bounce back against SBU.

However, after falling behind by double figures multiple times throughout the game, the 'Cats would fall behind for good in overtime and fall 92-83.

As the last seconds were expiring from the second half,

the 'Cats were scrapping for the ball under the SBU net, trailing by a single basket. Junior forward Arunas Simanavicius was finally successful in containing the loose ball, and layed it in to the dismay of the SBU bench.

Head coach Ben McCollum was proud of his team's efforts to claw back from a 13 point deficit, but said his team had nothing left in the tank in the final five minute period.

"To be honest," McCollum said, "I think our guys ran out of gas. You know, when you come back, down 10, and you grind like that, it's difficult. I probably should have subbed at that point for a little bit, but those guys were playing so well I had to keep them out there."

Freshman DeShaun Cooper led the scoring efforts for both

teams with his 23 points, while SBU's entire starting lineup scored in double figures. Senior Girod Adams and junior Elijah Allen each added 16 points for the 'Cats.

While McCollum disregarded the thought of taking a moral victory from the overtime loss, he said the players should take pride in their efforts.

"We're going to take the approach that we're close," McCollum said, "But we're not there, and we need to come back to work and get there because at the end of the day, we still lost. I hope no one in that locker room is happy with the loss, they still should be proud of their performance."

The 'Cats are back in action against Emporia State at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, in Emporia (Kan.).

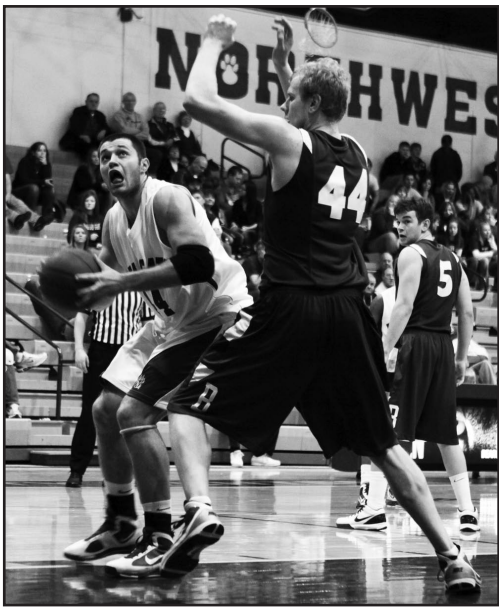


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JUNIOR FORWARD MACIEJ Ustarbowski ball fakes before taking a shot. Ustarbowski had 4 points in the 'Cats 83-92 OT loss to Southwest Baptist Saturday.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

MEN'S STATISTICS

Northwest	SBU
83	Points 92
43.8	Field Goal pct. 49.2
32	Rebounds 45
11	Assists 16
24	Three point pct. 44.4
19	Turnovers 25
17	Steals 8
75	Free throw pct. 73.3
6	Blocks 5

WOMEN'S STATISTICS

Northwest	SBU
79	Points 74
49.2	Field Goal pct. 40.3
36	Rebounds 34
17	Assists 15
46.7	Three point pct. 36.7
9	Turnovers 13
8	Steals 3
83.3	Free throw pct. 81.3
2	Blocks 1

MEN'S STANDINGS

School	MIAA	Overall
1. Fort Hays	9-0	15-1
2. Central Mo.	8-1	15-1
3. Neb.-Omaha	6-3	13-3
4. South Baptist	6-3	15-4
5. Mo Western	6-3	11-5
7. Northwest	3-6	8-8

WOMEN'S STANDINGS

School	MIAA	Overall
1. Emporia St.	8-1	15-1
2. Pittsburg St.	7-2	9-7
3. Washburn	7-3	13-3
4. Fort Hays St.	6-3	13-3
5. Northwest	5-4	9-7

INDOOR TRACK

Bearcats return to track following long layoff

By Jason Lawrence
Sports Editor

After a long layoff and little time to practice because of the weather, the Northwest Track and Field team returned to the track for their first meet of 2010.

"Surprisingly for the whole group, we weren't affected too negatively," head coach Scott Lorek said. "It was really pretty impressive the way people have come back. There were a couple not so great, but for the most part it's been very, very good. I told the team this is the first year you actually did have an excuse, but they came back better than

any previous year."

Several personal records were set at the 2010 Holiday Inn Invitational hosted by the University of Nebraska.

"The distance runners really stood out, they collected several personal records," Lorek said. "There were also some excellent jumps in distance. Our sprints were also very solid."

Sophomore Brittany Poole set a new personal best in the 3,000-meter run by 39 seconds. She placed fourth in the event with a time of 10:40.39.

"That puts her right up there with some of the top runners in our conference,"

Lorek said.

If not for stopping on lap 14 of the 15 lap race, thinking the race was over, Poole would have increased her time by even more.

"Overall, I feel really good about my performance," Poole said. "If I wouldn't have stopped, I would've had an all-time personal record. It's the fastest I've ever ran two miles in my life, especially coming off training this winter with all the snow."

Returning outdoor All-American Ben McKim set a career-best in the weight throw with a throw of 57-1.5. He also hit a provisional mark in the shot put.

Junior Kate Walter also set a new personal record in the weight throw, coming up with a throw of 46-7.5.

Seniors John Miles and Sheldon Cook along with sophomore Tyler Shaw came close to provisional qualifying marks.

Miles just missed in the 60-meter dash with a time of 6.94 seconds.

Cook and Shaw came close in the 200-meter dash with times of 22.48 and 22.44 seconds, respectively.

Shaw was disqualified from the event that garnered him All-America honors both indoor and outdoor.

"He (Shaw) had a rough time in the hurdles," Lorek

said. "He got disqualified on a trail-leg violation. He ran very, very fast, so it's too bad he didn't get a time. The whole violation thing is a bit of a sore spot for me. But he came back and ran a really good 200 and came close to his best time ever outdoor."

This Friday, the team heads back to Lincoln for the Nebraska-Wesleyan Invitational.

"We want to see some continued improvement," Lorek said. "We're going to move around some of our distance people to get some times in different events to figure out where to place people for the conference meet."



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CHEERLEADING

Cheerleaders become family, bring home UCA National Title

By Jason Lawrence
Sports Editor

First, they cheered the football team on to a National Title, now they have one of their own.

The Northwest Cheerleading team claimed its first UCA Division II National Championship Saturday at Disney's Wide World of Sports.

"It feels amazing," Spirit Squad Coordinator Jason Sack said. "It feels really, really good. It's been a long time coming."

The spirit squad put in countless hours of practice leading up to the competition.

"We practiced a lot," Sack said. "Pretty much all but five days over Christmas break we were pulling two-a-days, upwards of four or five hours a day getting ready. Then when we got down there, we did the same thing and tried to stick to a consistent schedule."

The Bearcats pulled off a clean routine, only dropping a lift.

"It still hasn't totally sunk in yet. It's just amazing that we won," junior yell leader John Tye said. "We were kind of expecting it, but then we dropped something in our routine and we're like 'oh man' and then everyone else dropped something and helped us out."

They were judged on partner stunts, basket tosses, pyramids, tumbling, accounting for 50 points and a cheering section worth 35.

The 'Cats received the full 15 points on its crowd tape score, based on what they do at home football and basketball games.

The Bearcats received an average score of 89 from the judges to beat out Slippery Rock (Penn.) and eight-time defending champion West Georgia.

"The competition is always pretty fierce down there," Tye said. "You've got West Georgia, Columbus, who had a really good routine this year and Slippery Rock is always in the top two or three. It's hard to break into the top spots."

Sack emphasized the family feel of this year's team made the difference.

"They really, really bonded this year," Sack said. "They spend a lot of time together outside of practice. They like each other to the point where they're OK with being around each other. The family atmosphere this year has been the best since I've been here."

LIBERTY MUTUAL COACH OF THE YEAR | MEL TJEERDSMA



HEAD COACH MEL Tjeerdsma speaks to his players after their victory over Pittsburg State this season. Tjeerdsma was voted Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year and will be inducted into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame later this month.

COACH T REIGNS SUPREME

Head coach adds to trophy collection, gets ready to enter sports hall of fame

By Jason Lawrence
Sports Editor

Even after 26 years of coaching and three National Titles, there are still firsts for head football coach Mel Tjeerdsma.

Tjeerdsma was awarded his first Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year Award following his most recent National Championship.

The award is given to college football coaches whose seasons are marked by success and sportsmanship of their players on the field, the achievements of their student-athletes in the classroom and their support of their community.

"The special thing about the Liberty Mutual award is that it's different from most coach of the year awards," Tjeerdsma said. "It's not based on the fact that you win a lot of games or you win a championship, it's based on character and development of your players. After I saw the criteria, I didn't think I could ever get it because one of the areas is team penalties. We always lead the league or are up there in penalties. Things that your players do, community involvement, it's based on academics, our graduation rate is really high. It's based on your involvement in the community as a coach. There's a lot of different factors involved."

Accompanying the award is a

\$20,000 scholarship for the winning coach's Alumni Association and a \$50,000 donation to any charity of the coach's choice from Liberty Mutual.

Tjeerdsma is giving a large portion of his donation to the Northwest Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

"That's something special to me," Tjeerdsma said. "Here's an organization in Northwest Missouri we're trying to get going. Wes Simmons, one of my former players, is heading it up and we've done some things. Now we're going to give them \$20,000 to \$25,000, that's a big shot in the arm for them. That really makes it special."

This is the fourth year of the award and the third that a coach from each division has received it.

A coach from the Division I, IAA, II and III levels are all selected for the award. Along with Tjeerdsma, Gary Patterson from TCU, Jerry Moore from Appalachian State and Steve Staker of Coe College were voted coach of the year in their Division, respectively.

"Countless student-athletes and communities benefit from the leadership, commitment and heart of college football coaches at every level," Archie Manning, chair of the National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame, said according to Northwestbearcats.com. "These four men rose to the

top in 2009 by displaying the four tenets of the Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year Award: sportsmanship, integrity, responsibility and excellence on and off the field."

Tjeerdsma led Northwest to a 14-1 record and the school's third National Title. It was the Bearcats' fifth straight appearance in the National Title game, a first for any Division II school.

The 'Cats went 0-11 in Tjeerdsma's inaugural season, but have gone 171-30 since.

Tjeerdsma was 59-39-4 in 10 seasons at Austin College in Texas before coming to Northwest.

He is fourth on the all-time Division II wins list with 230 and his 29 post-season wins tops D-II history.

He was also awarded his fourth AFCA Coach of the Year and his second consecutive honor, as voted on by his peers.

"That's on the other end of the spectrum," Tjeerdsma said. "That's really special because it's voted on by the coaches of Division II. When you're recognized by your peers, that's pretty special. When you look at that thing, for me it's very humbling, no one in Division II has ever won it four times. That makes you feel like you're pretty fortunate to be where you're at."

At the end of the month, Tjeerdsma will be enshrined in the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame.

COACH T'S AWARDS

- 1x Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year ('09)
- 3X National Champion ('98,'99,'09)
- 7 Title Game Appearances ('98,'99,'05-'09)
- 4x AFCA National Coach of the Year ('98,'99,'08,'09)
- 7x AFCA Regional Coach of the Year ('96-'00,'06,'07)
- 11x MIAA Coach of the Year ('95-'00,'02,'06-'09)

He will be accompanied into the hall by 14 others and two teams. Former Kansas City Chiefs head coach Marty Shottenheimer highlights the induction class.

"I haven't had time to really think too much about that," Tjeerdsma said. "They called me before the playoffs started. We were honored in '99 and 2000 for our championship and we will be again this year. That's a pretty select group, especially for me not being retired, I'm an active coach. Most of those people that get those awards, their careers are over, then they get recognized. It's a real honor."

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Win streak on the line against Southern, Emporia out for revenge

By Brian Bosiljevac
University Sports Editor

The women's basketball team turned around its three-game losing streak by rattling off three straight wins and picking up its second MIAA Player of the Week this season.

The winning streak started with a last second win against Truman and has continued with wins against Central Missouri and Southwest Baptist.

"Well, a four game win streak would be better," head coach Gene Steinmeyer said. "We'll take what we can get. In truth, the key is one three-point shot at the buzzer has been what really spurred us on. We were really struggling. If we'd lost that game at home to a one-win conference team,

I don't know where we'd be. Shelly Martin's shot, you almost have to look at that shot and say, 'hey that kind of spurred us on.'"

Since Martin's final three-pointer against Truman, it's sophomore Abby Henry leading the way for the Bearcats (9-7, 5-4). She scored a career-high 27 points in the road win against Central Missouri. Henry followed up that performance with 25 points against Southwest Baptist to lead all scorers. Her totals led to her selection as MIAA Player of the Week.

"It takes offensive statistics to be player of the week, but in truth she's a better defensive player than she is an offensive player," Steinmeyer said. "I figured if we can get eight or nine points out of her

and she plays great defense that would be great. Now, we're getting 13 points out of her and she still plays that great defense."

Henry's backup reached a milestone during the recent win streak as well. Junior Gabby Curtis reached the 1,000-point total in her career. The 15 points she scored against Southwest Baptist put her at 1,012. Curtis' first 787 points came in two seasons at Cowley Community College before transferring to Northwest.

"I wish the first 700 (points) had come at Northwest," Steinmeyer said. "She's the most athletic kid I've ever coached. When she's in the flow, she can't be stopped. She's the whole package. It's been a process learning about

the MIAA, but I think she's coming into her own."

The 'Cats will need to play lock down defense in its game against Missouri Southern on Wednesday, Steinmeyer said. Results for the game were unavailable at press time.

Next the 'Cats take on No. 6 Emporia State (15-1, 8-1) on the road. The Hornets only loss of the season came at the hands of the 'Cats to kick off the MIAA season.

"They have only one loss this year and that's to us," Steinmeyer said. "They aren't going to be happy about that at all. White Auditorium is not a very nice place to play when you're an opponent. It's a great place if you're Emporia. The formula that beat them the first time is we outscored them."



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FRESHMAN FORWARD WHITNEY Rawdon looks to pass the ball down low in the 'Cats 79-74 win over Southwest Baptist Saturday. Rawdon had three points and six assists.